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SUBJ: PENDING U.S. BAN ON USE OF SACCHARIN IN FOOD AND BEVERAGES

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1. ARTIFICIAL SWEETNER SACCHARIN IS CURRENTLY USED IN TURKEY IN PILL FORM BY DIABETICS AND OTHERS WHO WANT NON-CALORIC SWEETNER FOR COFFEE, TEA, ETC. AS SUCH, SACCHARIN IS SOLD AS A PHARMACEUTICAL, ALTHOUGH A PRESCRIPTION IS NOT NEEDED FOR PURCHASE. THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO INDUSTRIAL USE OF SACCHARIN FOR NON-CALORIC DRINKS, FOODS, ETC.

2. ON MARCH 15, MINISTER OF HEALTH HELD PRESS CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS FDA DECISION TO BAN SACCHARIN. MINISTER STATED FOLLOWING: AFTER FDA DECISION MINISTRY HAD HELD THREE DAYS OF MEETINGS WITH ALL INTERESTED PARTIES (FACULTIES OF PHARMACY AND MEDICINE, HOSPITALS AND MINISTRY OF HEALTH) TO DISCUSS POLICY THAT SHOULD BE FOLLOWED IN TURKEY. MINISTER SAID COMMITTEE HAD REACHED UNANIMOUS DECISION THAT " SACCHARIN, IN VIEW OF THE WAY IT IS USED IN TURKEY AT PRESENT, DOES NOT PRODUCE THE HARMFUL EFFECTS IN QUESTION, (I.E. CANADIAN RESEARCH STUDIES) ON HUMAN HEALTH." THE MINISTER POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD ALSO DECIDED " THAT A BAN ON THE

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CONSUMPTION OF SACCHARIN AS IT IS USED IN OUR COUNTRY CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AND DREW ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION HAS NOT SO FAR WARNED MEMBER COUNTRIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO PROHIBIT USE OF THE SUBJECT PRODUCT."

3. ON MARCH 21, PRESIDENT OF TURKISH PHARMACISTS UNION

STATED PUBLICLY THAT DIABETICS COULD CONTINUE TO USE
SACCHARIN WITHOUT ANY WORRY. HE SAID THAT DISTINGUISHED
MEMBERS OF UNION HAD DETERMINED " THAT SACCHARIN, AS
IT IS USED IN OUR COUNTRY, IS NOT HARMFUL TO PUBLIC
HEALTH."
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